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SUBJECT: ETHNIC CHINESE PAROLE APPLICANTS

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED NUMBER OF FACTORS RELEVANT TO PAROLE APPLICATIONS BY ETHNIC CHINESE WHO ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA DURING THE PERIOD OF THE GENERAL EVACUATION. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SUPERCEDE GUIDANCE SET FORTH REF A AND TO INFORM POST THAT (1) WE DO NOT BELIEVE FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDS A GROC PASSPORT IS, BY ITSELF, AN AUTOMATIC BAR TO CONSIDERATION FOR PAROLE, IF CASE IS OTHERWISE MERITORIOUS; (2) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ETHNIC CHINESE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET HIGHER STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE; IN DEMONSTRATING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THAN REFUGEES WHO ARE ETHNIC VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN. POST SHOULD PROCESS ETHNIC CHINESE WHO ARE INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER INDOCHINA REFUGEES, BEARING IN MIND THAT EACH CASE MUST NOW BE APPROVED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BY INS/CO AND THAT APPROVAL WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXIST, OR WHERE CASE HAS SIGNIFICANT MERIT.

2. REF C CONSTITUTES CURRENT GUIDANCE TO POST REGARDING

VERIFICATION OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. EMBASSY SHOULD
REQUEST D/HA/ORM ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING RELATIONSHIP
OF ETHNIC CHINESE APPLICANTS ONLY WHERE SIGNIFICANT
DOUBT EXISTS THAT REFUGEE'S VERSION IS ACCURATE. INGERSOLL

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